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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1903.

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X-MAS WAISTS

Shirt Waists make pretty and acceptable gifts. Any of your lady friends would like one. It is now time to be thinking of gifts, and we have just received a new line of Shirt Waists in some of the prettiest styles and materials of the season.

- One Lot of All-Wool Flannel, good colors and style, tucked front and back, back lined, \$1.49
- One Lot of fine All-Wool Nun's Veiling, in red, blues, pinks and white, tucked back and sleeve, shirred at yoke, tabs with white buttons, lined, \$2.50
- One Lot of All-Wool Cashmere, tucked back and sleeve, shirred at yoke, wide strap down front, embroidered with silk, all colors, \$2.98
- One Lot of plain and printed Velvets, tucked front and back, stitched with white silk, buttons, very pretty and dressy, only \$3.50

UNION SUITS

Try the "ONEITA" Union Suit—the kind that buttons across the top. The best fitting. Heavy Fleece Suits, made from best yarns, sizes 4 to 8, \$1.00 Other grades, 50c., \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00.

C. B. Corset Display

Ladies interested in fine-fitting Corsets should try the C. B. They are an excellent wearing Corset, made in the newest shapes, of good material, sizes 18 to 34 in some styles, \$1.00

See the Display in our Window.

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BETHEL, MAINE.

At the M. E. Church.

Christmas at the M. E. Church commences Thursday evening Dec. 17, following the supper to be given by the Ladies' Aid at the Odd Fellows store, with an entertainment in the church auditorium consisting of selections from one of the best phonographs in Bethel; select readings by select readers, solos and chorus music. Program will appear in next issue.

All who are willing, are asked to make contributions of any of the following articles to the Christmas barrel for the poor of our cities and to aid in furnishing our new Deacons Home at Portland: Towels, combs and brushes, soap, table linen, tray cloths, knives, forks and spoons, dishes, sofa pillows, toilet cushions, rugs, chairs, baby clothes, dolls, children's shoes and stockings and underwear, games, good story books, canned goods and jellies.

Bring gifts on or before Thursday evening, Dec. 17.

The entertainment and all our efforts are in behalf of the plan to make some needy ones happy on Christmas. Will you, dear reader, help us?

We would like some new articles but good second hand ones will be acceptable also.

There will be a "Tree" and entertainment by the children on Thursday evening, Dec. 24 at the church.

Free to all both nights.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Rev. C. N. Gleason is in South Paris to-day.

Mr. E. T. Peabody of Gilead, was in town Saturday.

F. L. Edwards made a business trip to Berlin, N. H., Friday.

W. R. Rand of Bryant Pond, was in the village Saturday on business.

Mr. Scott Godwin was taken to Augusta last Monday for treatment.

Remember the Christmas sale at Garland Chapel tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. A. M. Farwell, who is suffering from an attack of grip, is improving.

Miss Henrietta Douglass is teaching the grammar school at Bryant Pond.

Mrs. G. R. Wiley, who has been ill several weeks, is reported as more comfortable.

A full line of drugs, patent medicines, etc., at the new drug store, E. C. Cross, proprietor.

D. H. Mason was on a several days' hunting trip to Ketchum and vicinity last week.

Miss Jane Howard Gibson sang at an entertainment at Locke's Mills, last Friday night.

Mrs. Addie Kendall Mason who has been ill for a number of months, was in the village Tuesday.

Miss Fannie Philbrook of Shelburne, N. H., has been visiting friends and relatives in town this week.

Mr. Eben S. Kilborn who, for a number of years, has had rooms at Prospect Inn, is now at The Howard.

Miss Agnes Brooks of Upton, visited in town a few days while going from her home to her school in Milton.

In making out your list of Christmas presents, remember that "Flinch," the best of all games, is to be found at the News office.

Dana B. Hall has gone to Birmingham to take charge of a lumber crew. Mrs. Hall will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. L. U. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lowe entertained friends from Albany and Lewiston Thanksgiving. In the evening they enjoyed a phonograph concert.

During the absence of Mrs. Herrick who will be in Europe during the winter, Judge A. E. Herrick will have rooms at The Howard. His home will be closed during the winter.

Clyde Lowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat Lowe, entertained a party of young friends one evening last week, the event being in honor of his birthday. Refreshments consisting of cake, coffee and ice cream were served.

Rev. Frank C. Potter has been rather indisposed for the past week or ten days, owing to an injury which at the time it happened, was thought to be of little consequence. In handling a heavy stick of wood he jammed a finger on his left hand and in a few days he suffered severely from the effects. It was thought at one time that it would be necessary to amputate a portion of the finger, but a little improvement is now noted, and hopes are entertained that the finger may be saved.

Edw. King has outdone himself again in the way of Christmas goods. In addition to his line of silverware, silver novelties, watches, chains and jewelry of all kinds, he has an excellent line of burnt goods including almost everything mentionable. Mr. King is up-to-date in the strictest sense of the term. He displays hundreds of dollars worth of new Christmas goods on his counters every year, and thus enables the people to select from as choice a line in his line, as will be found in many a larger town or city. This privilege should be and is appreciated by our people. There certainly is no occasion for Bethel people to look outside for anything in the jewelry line.

BUSINESS POINTERS.

Business Readers will be published in this column at eight cents per line, reckoning six words to the line.

Cuff Buttons at King's.

Flinch, the popular game at the News office.

Boy's watches \$1.00 to \$5.00 at King's will please any boy.

Just take a look at Hastings Bros' Burnt Work.

Real Down and Silk Down Sofa Pillows have arrived at E. E. Burnham's.

Lorgnette chains and bracelets make acceptable gifts. You will find a large stock at King's.

The new and popular game of "The Pit" can be found at Miss Hall's.

The Burnt goods at King's are proving great sellers; better see them soon.

Ribbon Sale on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week at E. E. Burnham's.

Have you been wondering what you would get for Christmas? A look at Hastings' line of burnt work will doubtless help you to decide.

A choice line of Burnt Work may be found at Hastings Bros'.

Before puzzling your brain over what to make for a Christmas gift, look at the Handmade Stocks and Collars also Handkerchiefs at E. E. Burnham's.

Nice line of meats at C. A. Lucas'.

Miss Anna Hanscom returned to her home in Poland this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Whitney spent Tuesday in Portland.

Mr. Eli Stearns has returned from a business trip to Boston.

Miss Alice Billings attended the Melba concert in Portland.

The Ladies' Aid will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. C. O. Foster.

R. K. Gately will speak in Bethel on next Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Copeland went to Boston Monday to visit Mr. Copeland's brothers.

Be sure and call at Garland chapel Thursday afternoon and see the display of Christmas gifts.

Mrs. W. A. Bunting and little daughters Muriel and Ethel, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Chandler. Mrs. Bunting spent Tuesday in Portland.

Bethel Grange, No. 56, will hold its election of officers Saturday evening at 7.30 at its usual place of meeting. It is hoped that as many of the members as are able, will be present.

Judge Herrick accompanied his wife and daughter Margaret to Boston last Friday. Mrs. Herrick and daughter sailed Saturday on the Romanic for France and southern Italy where they will spend the winter. This trip is advised by Mrs. Herrick's physicians as necessary for the throat trouble from which she suffers.

W. S. Wight returned last Saturday from Somerset county, where he has been holding singing classes for two months, closing with successful concerts. Mr. Wight reports some fine towns up the Kennebec river as far as Carratunk where he has been. He starts Thursday for Sanford, Springvale, Alfred and Richmond for two months' work, organizing and directing choruses.

Congregational Church Items.

At the Congregational Church, next Sunday, the Budget of Good News for the week: Theme of the sermon, Mary the Mother of God? Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Lesson topic, "Nehemiah the builder of the wall."

Evening Service at 7 o'clock, twenty minute discussion by the pastor, theme, "Consider the Lilies." Christian Endeavor meeting at 7.30, topic, "An Anti-Worry Meeting."

A cordial invitation to all these services, is extended to all.

NOTICE.

Patrons of the Bethel postoffice are reminded that all letters addressed to people on R. F. D. route must have a two-cent stamp.

Time is Flying

Only 13 more Business Days before

CHRISTMAS,

Better complete your Christmas shopping soon before the best things are all gone. I have tried to put in a stock this season that would meet all the demands of my customers. How well I have succeeded, I leave to you to determine by a call at my store and careful inspection of the many choice and appropriate articles suitable for Gifts for every member of the family.

Among the Different Things are:

Watches

LADIES' WATCHES in gold, silver and nickel case. Prices from \$4.00 to \$32.00 GENTLEMEN'S WATCHES, a large stock cased in various metals.

From \$5.00 to \$35.00 BOYS' WATCHES that will make the youngster's heart glad and teach him punctuality. Prices \$1.00, \$1.50, 2.00, \$2.50.

Chains.

A large line of Simmons' chains and various cheaper grades; up-to-date styles. Vests chains \$0.50 to \$6.00 Lorgnette Chains, \$1.50 to \$7.00 Fobs, all the go this year for both ladies and gentlemen.

Price 85c to \$4.50

Rings.

My stock of rings is a large one containing all the popular stones. I have some bargains in diamonds purchased before the last advance in price. Price \$2.50 to \$40.00 Other stones, all solid gold setting. Price \$1.00 to \$10.00 Plain and chased rings. Gents' stone rings and Baby rings.

Chatelaines, Brooches & Pins

of all kinds, ranging from solid gold, diamond and pearl set, at \$14.00, down to attractive silver and plated ones at

25c and 50c

Cuff Buttons.

Often when perplexed as to what to give father, brother, or gentleman friend a pair of cuff buttons will happily solve the problem. An extra pair is useful. Prices from 50c for silver and plated ones, to \$5.00 and \$6.00 for 14 kt. gold, diamond mounted ones in dainty case.

Price 50c to \$6.00

Bracelets.

Every girl likes a bracelet. My large assortment includes chain, Netherlands and adjustable bracelets. Prices 50c to \$5.00

Burnt Work.

Don't leave the store without carefully looking over the extensive line of burnt work I have. A line of goods sold from Maine to Florida, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. My line includes among other things, Calendars, Dollies, Picture Frames,

Dusters, Purses, Pocket Books, Jewel Cases, Cigar Cases,

Card Cases, Court Plaster Cases, Stamp Cases, Tobacco Bags, Blotters, Photo Albums,

Nut Bowls, Vases, Mirrors, Work Boxes, Ink Wells, Paper Knives, Etc., Etc. Price 25c to \$4.50

Birch Bark Indian Goods.

Picture Frames, Canoes, etc.

Price 25c to \$1.00

Silver Novelties.

A larger line than ever. Hat, Bonnet, Clothes, Nail, and Tooth Brushes. Nail Files, Button Hooks, Paper Knives, Scissors, Shoe Horns, Match Boxes, Manicure Sets, Blotters, Darners, Bag Tags, Key Tags, etc.

Price 25c to \$4.50

Clocks

Large and small, nickel, Black wood, porcelain, gilt, etc.

Price \$1.00 to \$6.50

Silverware

Forks, Spoons, and fancy pieces in sterling and plate. Bon Bon Dishes, Toothpick Holders, Card Trays,

Baking Dishes,

Cake Baskets,

Butter Dishes,

Tea Sets, etc

Price 75c to \$7.20

Why not call and look round whether you wish to buy or not. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1903.

Rum Business in Maine Summed up by the Boston Journal.

The late attempt to make liquor selling a respectable calling in Maine has failed and though there are many honest and intelligent men engaged in the business who have money and exert more or less power in financial circles, the average citizen, the church member, the mechanic, the artisan insists upon viewing the rumrunner as a person who is morally unclean, and one whom it is dangerous to associate with or encourage in any way. As a rule, the men who conduct bars pay their debts and preserve an outward appearance of morality.

For the sake of winning trade and of standing well with the public they are very charitable in their acts, donating money freely to any cause which excites public sympathy. But in spite of their efforts to appear good and to convince the people that they are really as good as they seem, the ancient taint of moral leprosy hangs to them for year after year and can not be washed away so long as they continue to deal in the beverages which are prohibited by law.

In the large towns and cities of three or four counties of the State, liquor has been sold in a half open way by those who "stood in" with the local and county authorities. There were plenty of open bars, but they were always in the rear end of the buildings and shut off from the gaze of those who passed by on the street by screens and partitions, so that none except those who sought the inner sanctuaries might know what was going on. This manner of doing business, while in violation of the law, was tolerated for the sake of using the men who made illegal sales, as political power to keep the ruling class in office and to prevent rivals from gaining control of municipal or county affairs. Because most of the large places in Maine happen to be Republican, it is charged that the liquor traffic is conducted as a part of the party machine, though in cities like Biddeford and Lewiston, where the Democrats are usually in the majority, the methods of handling the traffic did not differ from that pursued in the strongholds of the opposing party.

After tolerating open bars in defiance of law and sound public sentiment for a decade the courts turned over a new leaf with the beginning of the present year, and the dealers have been receiving double and fourfold fines, and, in aggravated cases, imprisonment for six months whenever they have been convicted. Though there have been occasional spasms of enforcement in Lewiston, Augusta and Rockland, the storm centers for the past four years have been Bangor and Portland. Until last February, Bangor was a wide open city, with bars running all night and all day, while under the rule of ex-Sheriff Pearson, Portland came nearest being a dry town of any place in the State. The parson sheriff died at his post fighting for Prohibition, and since his decease the county has elected W. L. Pennell, a Democrat, as his successor, so that Portland is again a storm center of the rum traffic, with bars wide open most of the time.

While Portland was reverting back to free rum, with spasms of virtue, Bangor was passing through an ordeal of reform such as has not been seen in Maine be-

Catarrh

The cause exists in the blood, in what causes inflammation of the mucous membrane.

It is therefore impossible to cure the disease by local applications.

It is positively dangerous to neglect it, because it always affects the stomach and deranges the general health, and is likely to develop into consumption.

Many have been radically and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cleanses the blood and has a peculiar alternative and tonic effect. R. Long, California Junction, Iowa, writes: "I had catarrh three years, lost my appetite and could not sleep. My head pained me and I felt bad all over. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla and now have a good appetite, sleep well, and have no symptoms of catarrh."

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Promises to cure and keeps the promise. It is better not to put off treatment—buy Hood's today.

fore for thirty years. Working singlehanded and alone, with a lukewarm sheriff and a mayor and a police force against him, County Attorney Bertram L. Smith has successfully prosecuted 573 criminal cases during the present year, more than 500 of which have been for the selling of liquor. He has secured jail sentences for the convicted dealers amounting to forty-four years and six months, and though many of the fines have been demurred until the February term of court he has collected and turned into the county treasury more than \$43,000 in liquor fines, which is twice the amount ever secured by any of his predecessors in double the length of time.

Up in Androscoggin county which has nearly the same population as Penobscot, and which is close to the New Brunswick line where liquor can be smuggled over without great risk, County Attorney Herbert T. Powers has succeeded in obtaining convictions in 136 cases, nearly all of which have been for selling liquor, and though he has sent very few men to jail, he has driven a score or more across the border and has stamped out the traffic in his county. Down in Hancock county the trade has been pretty thoroughly wiped out, except in Bar Harbor, where a few dealers linger outside of jail, and sell vile stuff at great risk. In the two other big counties, Kennebec and York, Sheriffs Ham and Fogg have very nearly made a clean sweep of the saloons, though some New Hampshire liquor now and then finds its way into Biddeford and Saco, and is sold at a greater risk than profit.

Sheriff Charles Tarbox of Washington county, which shoulders up against New Brunswick and the open bars across the line, has closed the bars in Machias, Calais, and Eastport, and has sent scores of dealers into exile, where they must remain for all time unless they come back and serve out their six months in jail. Sheriff Charles S. Cummings of Androscoggin county, who is a clergyman as well as an officer of the law, has driven the rum trade of Lewiston into the kitchen bars and is forcing the dealers to the wall as rapidly as the courts can handle the cases.

When the courts began to double up the fines and give jail sentences at the beginning of this year nobody had any idea the practice was going to continue. Maine had enjoyed free rum for so long that the dealers were bold and full of fight. It took fully six months for the change of attitude to "soak in" and become felt. Then the liquor dealers, backed by a few politicians and supplied with money from the wholesale merchants of Boston, determined to organize a new party, which was going to sweep the State with a whirlwind of condemnation. The constitutional amendment was going to have local option and was going to be submitted to the people forthwith, and then Maine was going to have local option and high license. The party met in Bangor early in September. City hall was half filled with rumrunners and boys and and curious people who came to see the show. There were two brass bands in attendance to fill in the vacancies between speechmaking.

Mayor Beal of Bangor, who owned two hotels in which liquor was sold, presided and said things which he is said to have regretted since, advising the audience to

defy the law. Oscar H. Hersey of Portland, a law partner of ex-Judge Enoch Foster, made an apologetic speech, and he was followed by Elliott N. Benson, a bright lawyer of Bar Harbor, who had been retained by the dealers to forward the cause of the new party. During the session Dr. Crockett of Thomaston, who is said to have an ambition to become governor of Maine spoke with fervor. Before an adjournment had been reached it was recognized that the movement was a fizzle. As a free show with music and loud talk it was worth attending, but as the organizing movement of a new party with free rum inscribed on its banner, the undertaking was considered to be a failure. The much advertised Resubmission party was born in Bangor about two o'clock in the afternoon and died from anemia and malnutrition in less than two hours.

The political battles of 1904 will be fought out by the same parties along nearly the same lines as were these of 1902. The Democrats will demand that the constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors be again submitted to the people to vote upon, which was what the Democrats demanded in 1902. The Republicans will point with pride to their record in favor of practical prohibition and will demand a continuation of the policy which has brought so much good to the State.

Owing to the fact that the election will be held on a year when a President is to be chosen, party lines will be followed very closely. The Prohibitionists who wish for stronger enforcement will cast a few votes, and the Resubmissionists will cast less. There will be more than the ordinary number of independent members chosen to the Legislature, and the rumrunner and his allies can find no consolation from the result.

NATURE'S OWN CURE.

Hyomei Cures Catarrh Without Dangerous Drugging of the Stomach.

Not until Hyomei was discovered had it been possible to truthfully say that a remedy for catarrh was known.

This remedy is breathed through the Hyomei inhaler for a few minutes four times a day, and during that time every particle of air taken into the air passages and lungs is impregnated with the germ killing and health giving Hyomei. It is the only treatment that cures catarrh. Stomach drugging often causes disordered digestion or brings on some other diseases and never makes a permanent cure of catarrh. Hyomei not only kills the germs in the throat and nose but penetrates to the minutest air cells in the lungs and enters the blood with the oxygen, killing the germs in the blood. It frees the mucous membrane from poisonous microbes and gives perfect health.

A complete outfit costs but \$1.00 and includes an inhaler, dropper and sufficient Hyomei for several weeks' treatment.

G. R. Wiley has so much faith in the merit of Hyomei that he agrees to return the money to any purchaser who may be dissatisfied.

NORTH NEWRY.

Erlitz Vail and Miss Verna Kilgore are attending Gould Academy.

Mrs. Pearl Chapman has gone into the woods with her husband. L. M. Blanchard has been at home for a few days.

There was a fur buyer in town Saturday.

Ellis Stearns has moved into one of W. W. Kilgore's rooms, and John Menchen has moved into the other one.

Miss Minnie Eagle is quite ill.

W. D. Kilgore has been in the woods the past week.

J. C. Eagle narrowly escaped being killed recently, by having a tree fall on him, while working for W. W. Kilgore in the woods.

CASTORIA.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Beware of cheap imitations.
Ask today for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder, it cures Chapped Feet, Swelling, Sore, Aching, Damp Feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lewis Palmer, only son of Granville Palmer, and Miss Sadie Tucker were drowned in Litchfield Nov. 30, while skating. The bodies were recovered.

Recently a large box of apples was sent by Col. Wm. T. Eustis of Dixfield to the Maine school for the Deaf, Portland. There were many different varieties and some of immense size. They were sent from the Pomological Exhibition at Auburn.

The rumor is once more actively in circulation says the Rumford Falls Herald, that the Ricker Bros., famous through their success as hotel proprietors at Poland Springs, are to build a similar hotel in the Rangeley region.

Ephraim W. Clark, the seaman recently pardoned from the Maine State prison after so many years of effort in his behalf by labor unions and individuals, departed for Boston on the steamer Dec. 3. He is to make his home with a sister there.

The appointment of Ernest Stevens to a government position in the Philippines will make three Bridgton young men in those islands. The others are John Corliss, a Bowdoin graduate who went as a teacher, and Amos Jackson in the engineer corps.

Two civil service examinations are to be held in Maine within a short time. One of them is for a janitor of the United States Custom house at Portland, a place that pays \$600 a year, and the other is for clerks and carriers for the free delivery service to be instituted at Rumford Falls.

An Era of Strikes in Prospect.

The Chicago street car strike may be only the first of many desperate struggles of the ebb. Strikes on a flood-tide are easily settled. Employers see profits ahead. New demands for labor are constantly carrying to new work men that have struck, easing the pressure. On the ebb, as in this strike, employers will not mortgage a dubious future with an increase in wages. With a contracting labor market, the men know, if they lose their places, there is no fresh work to be had. The big bitter strikes of 1877, 1887, 1894 belonged to the ebb.

With the ebb, neither labor nor capital has yet learned to deal. One firm that failed in October—the worst month for failures in a decade—was a business a century old, that had made a practice of pensioning employees and looking after its men. It had liabilities triple its assets. With falling prices and shrinking trade, no business from a railroad corporation down can avoid discharges if it is to remain solvent.

The industrial army really consists in all its various fields, of higher and more skilled men who keep their posts in all trade weather, and a vast fringe, varying in this country from 1,000,000 to 2,000,000, who are out of work or only partially employed, when the ebb comes. The better men keep at work. Poor men drop off. By November 1, the weekly pig-iron product had shrunk 80,000 tons. By December 1, the shrinkage may reach twice this or nearly half the weekly product of 352,000 tons of three months ago. This cuts the demand for labor on iron and steel in like proportion. A similar shrinkage is in process in all trades.

Capital did not expect it, or Steel Trust common would not have touched its low price. The big railroads have all their kites out. The unions are as little ready. Samuel Gompers, in his presidential address, at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, sitting in Faneuil Hall, Boston, counseled unions to resist reductions of wages "because curtailment of the consuming power of the masses would be uneconomic."

Right or wrong, Mr. Gompers is working on a definite plan. Organized labor believes in maintaining the rate of wages and the shortened day, the "industrial standard," at the cost of some men discharged, rather than to reduce wages and keep more employed. Capital wants reduced wages so as to lessen the labor cost per unit.—Collier's Weekly.

Don't Forget

While doing your Christmas Shopping, that one of the best places to get bargains is at L. M. Stearns'.

Fancy Box Stationery from 10 cents to 25 cents.

Handkerchief and Glove Boxes, Soap Boxes,

Tooth Brush Cases, Burnt Leather, Mirrors,

Pictures, Dolls, Ink Wells, Money Purses,

Aprons, Tray Cloths, Towels, Table Damask,

Gentlemen's Neckties, Mufflers and Braces,

Perfumes from 5 cents to 25 cents.

I also have Ladies' Furnishings including

Night Robes, 87 cents, \$1.00, and \$1.25.

Millinery at Reduced Prices.

Don't Forget the Place,
L. M. STEARNS,
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You Strike the Keynote of the

* Gift-Giving Song *

When you go for your Gifts to

MISS L. C. HALL'S,

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gifts both useful and ornamental, gifts for the children, for father and mother, gifts in fact for all. Come before the line of goods is broken. You will find

Military Brushes, Leather Travelling Cases, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchief boxes and baskets, Shaving mirrors.

A large line of Fine Stationery,

Paper-weights, Ink-wells, Stamp-boxes, Blotters, Paper-knives, Work boxes and baskets, Vases, Candle holders, Frames, Medicine cases and cups, Ash and pin trays, Card boxes and Card cases, Purses, Pocket Companions, Pictures, Art Calendars and Books.

Pictures, Art Calendars and Books.

Christmas Perfumes

Nothing makes a more desirable present than a bottle of dainty Perfume. You can find all the different odors in beautiful Fancy Boxes, at the

New Drug Store,

Opposite the Post Office.

Traveling Cases for Gentlemen, Hair, Military, Bath, Baby, Tooth and Nail Brushes, Soaps, Hot Water Bottles, Fountain and Bulb Syringes, Beautiful Powder Boxes for the baby and lots of other pretty things for everybody.

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| Island Pond, leave, | 1.45 | 6.30 |
| Gorham, | 4.00 | 8.20 |
| Gilead, | 4.25 | 8.38 |
| West Bethel, | 4.38 | 8.47 |
| BETHEL, arrive, | 4.45 | 8.53 |
| Lookes Mills, | 9.00 | 4.00 |
| Bryant Pond, | 5.05 | 9.05 |
| South Paris, | 5.36 | 9.30 |
| Lewiston, | 6.40 | 10.30 |
| Portland, arrive, | 7.30 | 11.15 |
| Boston, via rail, | 12.45 | 4.10 |
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TRAINS GOING WEST.

| | A. M. | P. M. |
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| Portland, leave, | 3.15 | 1.30 |
| Lewiston, | 9.00 | 2.30 |
| South Paris, | 10.00 | 3.38 |
| Bryant Pond, | 10.23 | 4.15 |
| Lookes Mills, | 10.35 | 4.18 |
| BETHEL, arrive, | 10.46 | 4.32 |
| West Bethel, | 10.54 | 4.42 |
| Gilead, | 11.05 | 4.54 |
| Gorham, | 11.30 | 5.20 |
| Island Pond, | 1.00 | 7.50 |
| Montreal, | 6.50 | 7.20 |
| Toronto, | 7.15 | 4.50 |
| Chicago, | 8.45 | 7.20 |

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"LONG, LONG AGO."

Once a Society Girl of Montgomery, Ala.—Met a Circus Clown, to Whom She Lost Her Heart—Saved Dan Rice's Little Niece from a Death by Fire.

The death occurred recently in New Orleans of the old-time "queen of the circus," Elizabeth Howard, who forty years ago divided honors with Dan Rice. In the old days Miss Howard was easily the most popular woman performer in the sawdust ring, but the last twenty years of her life were spent selling newspapers in the streets of the southern city, says the Chicago Tribune. Time was when Elizabeth Howard received \$150 for forty minutes' work each night. And the success of the entire performance depended upon her whim as much as the singing of a grand opera does upon the humor of a prima donna. During her life in New Orleans "Old Miss Howard," as she was known to the newsboys and street urchins, earned about 60 cents a day, and to do this she was forced to rise at 2 o'clock in the morning, summer and winter, and be at newspaper row at 3 o'clock, when the morning papers sent out their city editions.

It is said that Miss Howard arrived in New Orleans about twenty years ago. One cold winter's morning a sweet-faced, white-haired old woman was seen selling papers at the intersection of Customhouse and Royal streets. She had a rude little table with uncertain legs. When it was time to close her "shop" she asked permission of a nearby storekeeper to allow her table to remain over night in his establishment. Then she trudged home to a bare, cheerless little room somewhere in the French quarter. After a while she returned, passing the corner on her way to the levee for a walk. She was followed by six dogs, her friends and companions. This was the history of each of the last days of the old woman's life. She never selected any other corner, and she was never absent from her little stand. She always went for her walk accompanied by a half-dozen dogs.

Sometimes a change was noticed in the personnel of her canine bodyguard, some of them falling victims to age, accident, or the dog-catcher. But there were always six of them. There are times when the most cheerful and willing of souls will rebel at the idea of going out into the darkness of a bleak morning, and standing in the face of a stiff, icy wind that blows straight from the gulf, but Miss Howard was always patient and gentle. While she rarely smiled, she gravely faced life and the change it had for her, and when her work was done she folded her arms and went away.

Miss Howard is held by many to have been the most dashing, the most daring circus woman the world ever knew. She was the first person, man or woman, to tumble through paper hoops while her horse was going at a mad gallop. She could perform on the horizontal bars, too, and as a dancer she rivaled Carmenita. She had a voice of richness and power. "Miss Howard deserted the circus for a single season, when she started in a comedy of the sort in which Lotta was successful. She achieved a triumph, her singing of "Long, Long Ago" being still fresh in the memory of many an old man. But the stage was not to her liking, and she soon returned to her old love, the night on which she reappeared under the big tent being an event to amusement seekers. It was in Pittsburgh, and admirers from Cincinnati and Detroit made pilgrimages to the Pennsylvania city to give her a welcome. Before the "grand entry" there was an accident in one of the dressing rooms. A candle was overturned, and some flimsy gowns were soon ablaze. Dan Rice's little niece was sleeping on a pile of canvas trunks, and the flames had reached the child when Miss Howard went to the rescue. The "queen's" left hand was badly burned, but the little one was unharmed.

Miss Howard bowed to the big audience that night, but she could not ride her horse or leap in midair. She sang "Long, Long Ago."

Miss Howard was once a society girl of Montgomery, Ala., and just before the civil war she visited Richmond, where she led the cotillon at the season's most notable affair. It was during this visit to Richmond that she met a circus clown to whom she lost her heart. There is no record of her marriage to him, but at any rate the members of her family, one of the oldest in Alabama, were shocked the following year to learn that she had gone into the circus business.

Impediment to Plain Speaking.
Senator Berry, of Arkansas, is one of the story tellers of the Democratic cloak room.

"Down in Pike County," he said, "I had a trial I attended once where a man named Johnson was on the stand. Johnson was for the defense, and the way he was setting things straight was a caution.

"Here," said the attorney for the prosecution when he took Johnson in hand, "I want you to stop prevaricating. Don't you know you are under oath?"

"Stop what?" asked the witness.
"Stop prevaricating!"
"The witness drew himself up with great dignity. 'Well,' he said, 'I'd like to know how a man can help prevaricating when he's lost two front teeth.'"

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For me she prayed when headstrong
Would have its way.

Her gentle arms, my cradle once,
Are weary now;
And Time has set the seal of care
Upon her brow.

And, though no other eyes than mine
Their meaning trace,
I read my history in the lines
Of her dear face.

And, 'mid his gems, who showers gifts
As shining sands,
I count her days as pearls that fall
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The Christmas Dinner.

In spite of the fact that the word dyspepsia means literally *bad cook*, it will not be fair for many to lay the blame on the cook if they begin the Christmas Dinner with little appetite and end it with distress or nausea. It may not be fair for any to do that—let us hope so for the sake of the cook! The disease dyspepsia indicates a *bad stomach*, that is a weak stomach, rather than a bad cook, and for a weak stomach there is nothing else equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stomach vigor and tone, cures dyspepsia, creates appetite, and makes eating the pleasure it should be.

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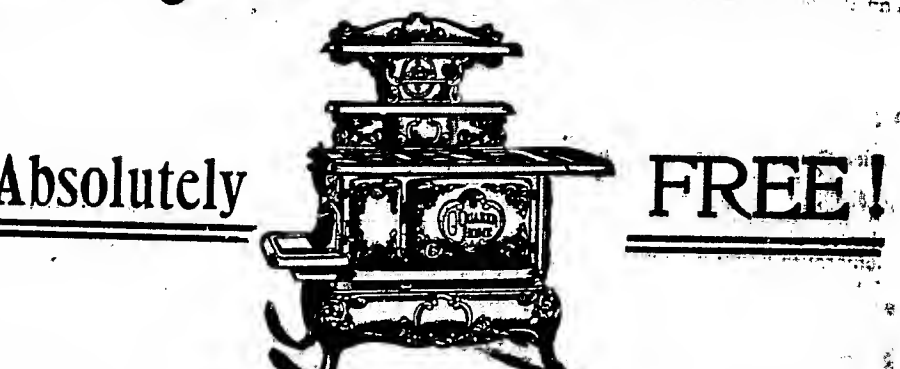
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Below the Isthmus.

The history making on the isthmus may be the beginning of a new interest in the vast and unknown continent below it. Clear indifference to all that goes on in South America is extreme. Its trade goes to Europe, and although Brazilian planters and Argentine ranchmen are common enough in Paris, one never meets them in New York. There are trolley lines and Pullman cars and Italian opera and Sarah Bernhardt a thousand miles below the equator, but none of us bother about it. So popular a writer as Mr. Richard Harding Davis had to transport a Gibsonized family to Central America to get us interested in his soldier of fortune. The average American seems to have made up his mind that the southern half of the Western Hemisphere is a pretty poor sort of place, that it inherits the defects of the Latin races without any of the charm of Spain or Italy, and has all the bad points of a hot country without any of the pomp and mystère of the Oriental tropics. The American prefers the oak and the ash to the palm, and baking-powder biscuits to tortillas, and he likes to sit under his own vine and fig tree and eat of the fruit thereof without acquiring indigestion or yellow fever. In the natural course of things, however, we are destined to know our southern cousins better. At the present moment the prospects of a more intimate acquaintance seem to be looking up.—Collier's Weekly.

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The Penalty of Niceness.
"What a nice, big boy you are, Tommy," said the pleasant voiced neighbor.

"I'm big, all right," said Tommy, "but I ain't nice."
"Don't you want to be called nice?" That's very strange. My Georgie is never happier than when people allude to him as a nice boy."
"An' I can lick him with one hand tied behind me," said terrible Tommy.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Freddy's Hint.
Papa was cutting Freddy's hair very well, but was not quick at the job, and Fred, who is six years of age, found the function very tiresome. At last he said:
"Are you nearly done, daddy?"
"Very near; I've just the front to do now," replied the father.
"I'm afraid," sighed the martyr, "that the back will grow again while you are cutting the front."
Then papa put on a spurt.—Exchange.

Competition.



"Oh, Count! This is so sudden!"
"I know it is, but there are so many of us noblemen over here looking for heiresses that a fellow has to hustle or get left."

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Consumption is a human weed flourishing best in weak lungs. Like other weeds it's easily destroyed while young; when old, sometimes impossible.

Strengthen the lungs as you would weak land and the weeds will disappear.

The best lung fertilizer is Scott's Emulsion. Salt pork is good too, but it is very hard to digest.

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Don't wait until you can't deceive yourself any longer. Begin with the first thought to take Scott's Emulsion. If it isn't really consumption so much the better; you will soon forget it and be better for the treatment. If it is consumption you can't expect to be cured at once, but if you will begin in time and will be rigidly regular in your treatment you will win.

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The Moon Asleep.
A mother was calling the attention of her small son to the moon, which was to be clearly seen in the early afternoon.

"Why, you can't see the moon in the daytime," he insisted.
"Oh, yes you can. There it is over the tree," said mamma.
The little boy looked up and finally saw it, but he said:
"Tain't lighted yet, anyhow."—Little Chronicle.

Changes the Subject.
Anna and Hilda were two dear little girls who were neighbors. They were never known to quarrel. One day Hilda's mamma, seeing them playing together so beautifully, asked how it happened that they never had dissensions. "Oh," replied Anna, "when ever we begin to dispute about anything, Hilda changes the subject, and then it is all right again."—Town Topics.

Trouble Sure to Meet You.
"Oh, cheer up!" said the sympathizing friend. "If you go around looking for it, trouble is always sure to meet you more than half way."
"Yes," said the gloomy looking person, as he dodged nimbly from in front of a scorching automobile and watched his friend describe a parabola in the air, "but even that is better sometimes than this foolish optimism that some people are so struck on."—Syracuse Herald.

Puzzled by Discrimination.
"Mamma," said Pickaninny Jim, "kin Sandy Claus see in de dahl, same as a cat?"
"I dunno, chile," answered his mother. "What makes you s'picion dat he could?"
"He nebber makes no mistake an' gits me none or dem rockin' horses an' steam injines like what de white chullun gits."—Washington Star.

Something She Will Appreciate.
"What are you going to give your wife as a Christmas present this year?"
"I'm going to give her one evening in the week. I've resigned my membership in one of the secret societies I belong to."—Chicago Tribune.

Philosophy, Ancient and Modern.
"Epictetus said all philosophy lies in two words, 'restrain' and 'abstain.'"
"Well, Epictetus may have had it figured out all right in his day, but in these times philosophy seems to be pretty fully expressed in the two words, 'gain' and 'retain.'"
Record-Herald.

Uncommon Reticence.
Tess—I hear you became acquainted with Miss Travis the other day.
Jess—Yes, and she's such a remarkable girl. She told me she had been out of town for several months.
Tess—Yes, she was in Europe.
Jess—Exactly, and she didn't mention a word about it to me.—Philadelphia Press.

When a woman has a poor servant girl she is pretty apt to say, "Well, the girl is willing."

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RUMFORD FALLS.

Mr and Mrs. J. Gammon visited her father, Francis Jordan recently.

J. T. Childs and son Roscoe are at home.

Miss Ruth Phelps returned to her home in Amherst, Mass., last week.

H. A. Jacobs dressed a fine porker the first of last week, weighing over 400 pounds.

Miss Helen Travis has returned from an extended visit with relatives in Chesterville.

E. P. Brown, formerly ticket agent at the P. & R. F. station was a guest of friends in town the 2d.

C. F. Penley of Frye, has been in town after several months in the woods as cook for a lumbering crew.

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a sale Dec. 18. Committees have been elected and plans made for the event.

E. F. Bassett and daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Kimball of Norway, are deer hunting in the vicinity of Mooselucmegunticlake.

Eddie Farnum of Rumford Center, who has lately spent several weeks at the home of John Howe, has returned. He was accompanied by Miss Winnifred Howe who will make an extended visit.

Mrs. Newton Coan has returned to Canton, having been for a short time a guest of her sister, Miss Grier, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Williamson.

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Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take.

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I enter some homes. There is a rich perfume of love that pervades all the place. It may be a home of wealth and luxury, or it may be plain and bare. No matter; it is not the house, nor the furniture, nor the adornment that makes this air of sweetness. I look closely. It is a gentle woman, mother or daughter, quiet, hiding herself away, from whose life the fragrance flows. There is a wonderful charm in a gentle spirit. The gentle girl in a home may not be beautiful, may not be well educated, may not be musical or an artist or "clever" in any way, but wherever she moves she leaves a benediction. Her sweet patience is never disturbed by the sharp words that fall about her. The children love her because she never tires of them. She helps them with their lessons, listens to their frets and worries, mends their broken toys, makes dolls' dresses, straightens out the tangles and settles their little quarrels and finds time to play with them. When there is sickness in the home she is the angel of comfort. Her face is always bright with the outshining of love. Her voice has music in it as it falls in cheerful tenderness on the sufferer's ear. Her hands are wondrously gentle as their soothing touch rests on the aching head, or as they minister in countless ways about the bed of pain.

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WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Near Neighbors.

A December drouth and a water famine.

The new horse shed near Union church is completed.

H. E. Mason and family are nicely settled in their new home.

The winter term of school opened Monday, with Miss Bessie Andrews as teacher.

Better have the News sent for a year to absent friends as holiday gifts.

E. P. Philbrook and daughter have moved into the south tenement of A. J. Haskell's double house.

The new telephone line from Bethel through this village to Mason is completed, and in working order.

A. P. Mason and L. D. Grover have been hauling large piles of wood on sleds, but wagons are still used on the roads.

The ferryboat has been taken from the river, and people on foot are crossing on the ice, but it is not yet safe for teams.

Edward S. Smith and sister had a narrow escape from death on Sunday, Nov. 29. When crossing the railroad near their home their carriage was struck and demolished by the Berlin newspaper train, and wonderful to relate, the riders received no lasting injuries.

BRYANT POND.

Arthur Cushman is teaching his first term in the Billings district.

Mr. and Mrs. Kilborn Perham were guests of Mrs. Emily Felt last week.

The crew, who have been working on the quarry, have been discharged for the winter.

Miss Lena Felt was quite ill recently.

Lake Christopher was frozen over Dec. 1; North and South lakes have been frozen for ten days.

The German Medicine Company boarded with Mrs. Sheeran while here last week. Their entertainments were quite well patronized. Mrs. Matoria Day Billings won the "Popular Lady Contest" prize, Mr. Fred Lurvey who guessed nearest to the number of beans in the bottle, won the cake basket; Miss Mabel Brooks was voted the handsomest lady, and Mr. Fred Cole the homeliest man.

Miss Douglass and Miss Herrick, our village teachers are boarding at the hotel.

Some of the diners and where they dined on Thanksgiving day: Mrs. Nellie Dudley and Miss Mildred Chapman were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knight, Walker's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Trask dined with Mr. and Mrs. David Foster, West Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Besse and daughter were entertained by Mrs. Besse's parents, West Sumner.

Elbridge Crooker, wife and two children, and John Fildes spent the day at Mr. Ransom Cummings, Bird Hill.

Mr. Charles Hill was the guest of his son Ellsworth in Berlin, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Poverley entertained W. H. Pearson, and Mrs. Pearson, Clint Littlefield, wife, Raymond and Florence Littlefield.

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

Mr. Ben Skillings of Bolster's Mills, passed through here recently. He is a buyer of fur.

Herbert Bean and Ellsworth Wilbur, each secured a deer, Saturday.

Miss Maud Beckler who has been at Kineo since May 1, has returned to her home in Albany.

Carlton Saunders who is fifteen years old, shot a deer last week. He felt proud indeed.

Mr. Arthur Cross is at home from Boston on a short vacation.

There were twenty-nine at W. I. Beckler's Thanksgiving day. A family party also met at Sumner Bean's.

Norman Sanborn has nearly finished his lumber job in town.

C. G. Beckler has begun his winter's lumbering.

The L. R. T. Club met with Dora Beckler last Wednesday. It will meet with Stella Beau the 9th, and with Mrs. Frank Emery the 16th. The year's reading matter is being arranged.

Mrs. Imogene Brown is staying with her mother at North Albany.

Albert and Joseph Temperly of Newton Centre, Mass., have been at Carter Grover's. They have gone to South Waterford for a few days' more hunting, before returning to their home.

G. E. Grover is doing considerable business at his store at Grover's Corner.

Robert Kimball who is employed in Berlin, N. H., was in town recently.

A social dance was held at F. G. Sloan's last Saturday night.

L. W. Russell and wife of Newry Corner, were at G. E. Grover's Saturday.

Fred Scribner has begun using his teams where he has been cutting timber.

R. M. Grange elected officers the 5th. W. I. Beckler was elected master. A full report will be given later.

One Hundred Dollars

Is the value of A. A. Tisdale, Sumner, Conn., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of the healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves, and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

NEWRY CORNER.

The Ladies' Union Circle will hold its annual sale and supper on Friday evening, Dec. 11, at Bear River hall. Oyster and pastry supper served in the vestry.

Bear River Grange will hold its annual installation of officers on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 10, at the usual place of meeting. Mr. J. A. Roberts of Norway Grange, will install the officers.

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ANDOVER.

Two inches of snow fell Dec. 2.

Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sweat was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday evening. Dr. Twitchell was called and the child seemed better. On Wednesday morning he was called a second time, but she died in a short time. Funeral obsequies were held at the home at one o'clock, p. m. Beautiful flowers were sent by friends. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Holden; interment in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mrs. Carlton Hutchins returned from a visit to Boston and Connecticut last Wednesday.

There was a good attendance at the Congregational Circle which was held at O. B. Poor's Wednesday. Mr. Poor entertained with selections played on the Simplex.

Rev. Mr. Holden has returned from a two weeks' vacation which he spent in Boston and Fall River. He visited Lovell on his return.

Miss Bertha Poor has been visiting at Rumford Falls and vicinity for a few days.

Miss Nellie Bunton has returned from her vacation and resumed her school work Monday.

Mr. Hanson Hodgman dislocated his right shoulder and broke his arm last Friday. It was set by Drs. Leslie and Niles of Rumford Falls.

We are glad to report the son of Herbert Campbell as slightly improving. Dr. Twitchell now considers him out of danger.

Miss Alice Poor is spending a few days in Lewiston, as a guest of Miss Gertrude Sands, a teacher of Rumford Falls.

Mr. Ingalls Bragg is confined to the house, but is improving.

Frank Keith is engaged as blacksmith in Mr. Bragg's shop for the winter.

Mr. R. A. Grover has quite a crew of men in the woods, cutting birch for his mill which he hopes to start soon.

Mesdames W. W. Barnes and D. W. Barnes spent Thanksgiving at Mr. Coy's in Oxford. They returned to Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 1.

Arthur Lang of Ridgelyville, has opened a barber shop in Mr. Wm. Mitchell's photograph rooms, and has plenty of work.

Misses Gertrude and Helen Learned left for Farmington Normal school Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Talbot is in falling health.

Messrs. Henry and Chester Sweat have returned to the Lakes. Frank McAllister is improving in health.

Miss Alma Howe has taken a room at Mrs. Chas. Snell's and will continue her attendance at school.

Card of Thanks.

With heartfelt appreciation we desire to express our grateful thanks to the neighbors and many friends who by their helpfulness, kindness and loving sympathy, assisted and comforted us during the illness, death and burial of our precious and only daughter, and for the beautiful floral tributes. These manifestations of respect and love have done much to soften the sorrow that is so hard to bear, and helps us bow more submissively to the divine Father's summons. May you all have God's blessings and in scenes of gloom like this find "Light on the way," is the sincere prayer of

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NORTHWEST BETHEL.

Elmer Small and Mrs. Vitella Davis were at Sylvanus Mason's the 6th.

Mrs. Leon Walling and two children are boarding at James Armstrong's, while Mr. Walling is working in the woods for Lorin Trask.

Miss Elva Kendall was at Seth Mason's recently.

Miss Addie Horr is again teaching at this place, to the pleasure of all concerned.

John Lewis was here with his peddler's cart the 5th.

Chesley Saunders has a yoke of oxen in the woods, yarding timber. It is worthy of mention as among all the lumbering being done on this range of hills this is the only yoke of oxen used.

Lester Mason has been quite sick with a cold and sore throat, but has recovered sufficiently to go to his winter's work.

James Harvey was at this place recently soliciting aid for George Harris, a young man who is blind, one eye being put out by an accident, and over the other a cataract had formed. Mr. Harris accompanied Mr. Harvey, and was very grateful for help, as he is desirous of entering the hospital this week for treatment and hopes to receive his sight and be able to work.

Irene Kilgore is suffering with a severe throat trouble.

Mrs. Susanna Chapman has been spending some weeks with Mrs. Orrin Ellingwood.

Mrs. Fred Howard boards the teacher this term.

Octavia Grover has been having a bad sore on her ankle, caused by a bruise.

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PARIS.

Mrs. Angeline Damon is staying at F. L. Cotton's.

Henry Fuller and wife have moved to Hopedale, Mass. They will stay with their daughter, Mrs. Edson Spofford this winter.

Mrs. Mary Hilborn is spending the winter at Mrs. Justina Drake's in the Whittemore District.

Bert Allen has finished working at Mountain View Stock Farm, and returned home last Friday.

Mrs. Columbia Cole is quite sick with throat trouble.

Miss Addie Maxm is dangerously ill of typhoid pneumonia.

Ernest King is sawing pulp for F. L. Penley.

W. K. Clifford is hauling lumber for J. F. King.

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